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MIDDLEBURGH is a busy, growing town, located in one of the best and most fertile agricultural sections of the state, the Schoharie valley. It is surrounded by broad, rich river bottoms and rolling uplands, and tracts of valuable timber, settled by a hardy, thrifty class of well-to-do, intelligent farmers, largely owners of the acres they cultivate. They are people who give their children the advantages of higher education. The population of the village, about 1,500, comprises, quite largely, people of steady habits and good circumstances. The business men are up to the times in trade and prices and the styles of

measure it is a cash trade, one of the leading Middleburgh firms, as will be noted in a following paragraph, doing business entirely on the cash basis.

The Prospects of Middleburgh promise a bright future. The town has entered the era of progress and quick development which comes to every place having a go-a-head people and an eligible location. It has an excellent, graded Union School with the best corps of teachers that can be employed. The churches are commodious, attractive buildings, surrounded by well kept grounds and are supported with that open hand which pays to beneficent Providence the just trib-



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merchandise. The editors, physicians, lawyers, clergymen and tutors are thoroughly informed and well educated and are among the best known in the professions in the county. The trades are fully represented by experienced men who are often large employers. Devotion to home institutions, church attendance and marked hospitality are characteristics of the people that at once arrest the attention of the visitor.

MIDDLEBURGH IS THE TERMINUS of the Middleburgh & Schoharie railroad and distributes mail and supplies to nearly one-half of Schoharie and no small portion of Albany counties. It is the centre of a very large agricultural section and the trade that comes to the town in the course of the year would surprise many much larger places. In an unusually considerable

ute of a prosperous people. The stores are large and roomy, well filled with modern assortments and manned by competent and courteous clerks. There are four good hotels largely patronized by the traveling public.

THE STREETS ARE BROAD AND SHADY, kept in good repair and well provided with walks. The columns of three village papers, and of the fourth published in the adjacent village of Schoharie by a Middleburgh editor, making it practically an institution of the town, are newsy and well edited and attest to the driving local trade that is done in the course of the year. There is

A GOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT of which the majority of the business men are active members, and they all feel a pride in its effi-

ciency. Work is now in progress on a gravity water supply system with which the town will be thoroughly piped affording water taps on every corner, a public fountain and a ready supply of water on tap in public and private buildings. Two new railroads are to be constructed, and what more can be asked for by capital seeking investment. There are ample building sites and material of all descriptions close at hand. The express and post office facilities are ably directed and the town does not lack for the telegraph and local and long distance telephone.

Grandison N. Frisbie, a leading merchant of Middleburgh and prominent democrat, was born in Roxbury, Delaware county, N. Y., May 24, 1831. At seventeen years of age he was apprenticed



in the harness trade to his brother at Fultonham and at twenty years of age became his partner, afterwards buying him out and conducting it alone. In 1853 he began harness making in Middleburgh. In 1868 he bought a one-half interest

in the general store of Charles Earles and subsequently a half interest with W. G. Lounsberry & Co. in the hardware business. He subsequently, with his two sons, Daniel D. and George D., as equal partners took the Earle's store and on April 1, 1890, the entire business passed into the hands of the sons. Mr. Frisbie went into real estate and insurance, which in the space of three years has taken the lead. He was one of the principal promoters of the Middleburgh and Schoharie railroad and much of its success is due to his wise management. Since March 25, 1878, he has been its president and general manager. He was one of the first and largest local subscribers to the stock of the First National bank, and from the time of its organization has been its vice-president. In 1858 he married Kate, the daughter of Daniel D. Dodge, of Middleburgh, who was a prominent merchant and one year a member of Assembly. Their daughters are Mrs. Dow Beekman and Miss Emma Frisbie. Mr. Frisbie is an elder in the Lutheran church.

Increased Railroad Facilities are what several of the business men are working hard to obtain. As above stated two projects are materially advanced. In both cases the incorporation papers have been filed with the secretary of state, the required percentage on the capital stock paid in and the surveys and figures necessary to establish the route and grades completed. In both instances the panic caused an abrupt but only temporary termination of proceedings.

THE LACKAWANNA WESTERN

connecting the Pennsylvania coal fields with New England and New York follows the Delaware river and the Schoharie creek with a necessary grade nowhere of more than seventy feet. Back of this is the powerful Lackawanna company. Grading has been carried on for a considerable distance and two important links are in full operation. This road by virtue of location and positive assurances makes Middleburgh a division terminal

with the shops located there. It places the town two hours nearer the coal beds and with one-half less freights on fuel.

THE COOPERSTOWN, MIDDLEBURGH AND CATSKILL MOUNTAIN

road connects Middleburgh with Catskill, a short cut to New York and a saving of one-half present distance and one-half transportation rates on all merchandise and freight. It will open up an heretofore unavailable New York market for local productions and will enable the farmers of the Schoharie valley, of which there is no better garden country in the state, to develop a new and profitable industry—the raising of early vegetables for the New York market. The road continuing west from Middleburgh connects with Cooperstown and Richfield Springs. It passes through unsurpassed scenery presenting summer tourists with views that are grand and sublime. A twenty mile link is in successful operation.

The Middleburgh & Schoharie Railroad was constructed in 1867-8 under the authority of the legislative enactment of May 8, 1867. The road is six miles long over level lands with little filling and cutting. It connects Middleburgh and Schoharie villages. The road and trains are continuous five miles farther north to a junction with the D. & H., but the Schoharie and Junction stretch, known as the Schoharie Valley road, is owned and operated by private interests which have greatly handicapped the Middleburgh company, as the latter depends upon this north bit of road for an outlet. At one time the Middleburgh company could have purchased the Schoharie road and Mr. G. N. Frisbie urged them to do it, offering to individually subscribe \$5,000. Since then they have been unable to buy it. When the D. & H. had been built as far as Oneonta and the Schoharie people had determined to tie on to that road at the Junction, a few leading spirits at Middleburgh met at Ed Atchinson's hotel, and after considering the matter carefully determined that they could hitch on at Schoharie by raising \$100,000, the town to take \$50,000 and the balance to come from private subscriptions. As a matter of fact the total capitalization, fully paid in, was but \$42,000. The town was bonded but comparatively little to raise the full amount of its subscription. The railroad company placed the bonds (7 per cent.) at par. They were fully retired, principal and interest, by James Borst, railroad commissioner, in 1893. The men who actively promoted the road and who were chosen the first board of directors February 9, 1867, were G. N. Frisbie, David Becker, J. M. Scribner, Lyman Sanford, George E. Danforth, Jacob Neville, Marvin Scutt, Wm. H. Engle, Martin O. Cooper, Martin L. Borst, Erastus Cook, Daniel D. Dodge, Jesse H. Alger, Marcus Bellinger. The first named served the first year as railroad commissioner, then resigned and entered the board of directors where he has since been. The individual subscribers to the stock, altogether about seventy-five, included many small holders in and about Middleburgh, about \$17,000 in Albany holdings, and the balance in New York. The company adhered rigidly to the resolution passed by the board of directors September 7, 1867, viz. Not a dollar of indebtedness to be incurred in its construction and equipments, all work to stop when the money runs out. No stock has been watered, no dividends have been paid and there is money in the treasury. The only salaries paid to officials are \$20 a month each to the secretary and treasurer who acts as passenger agent, and to the station and freight agent at Middleburgh. Other officers and

directors serve without compensation. The contract for the construction of the road complete was let to G. N. Norton for \$71,000, December 17, 1867. On May 8, 1867, three acres of land for the terminal buildings were purchased of S. B. Wells. The buildings, a passenger depot 20 x 36, freight depot 25 x 100, and an engine house 25 x 50 feet, were completed September 1, 1868.

Duryea Beekman is the president and one of the incorporators of the First National bank. He is vice-president and has served as secretary of the Middleburgh and Schoharie railroad, with which



he has been identified from its beginning. His ancestors were of the sturdy New England race. His grandfather, the Hon. William Beekman, was the first judge of Schoharie county, appointed June 10, 1795, and serving with distinction until 1833. His son

Nicholas, the father of Duryea, who died January 13, 1874, served in the state assembly in 1841. The subject of this sketch was elected to the assembly of 1879 by a majority of 1506, which exceeds the average majority of later years. He was born at Seward, Schoharie county, August 9, 1840. His early years on a farm were devoted to hard study, developing that conscientious and persevering character which has placed him at the head of a successful bank. On October 16, 1859, he married Elizabeth Richtmyer. One child, Charles, died when eight months old. The other two are living: Dow, a practicing attorney, and William G., now in college. Mr. Beekman is an active democrat.

The Scenery Around Middleburgh is magnificent. It has many attractions for summer homes. Here the valleys of the Schoharie and the Little Schoharie unite. Together they lead the way directly north to the Mohawk, watered by the broad bosom of the historic Schoharie creek with its alternating deeps and shallows and its treasures of bass, pickerel and numerous other finny game. The Little Schoharie tumbles down through that valley which leads directly east to Catskill. The main Schoharie creek and valley rise from the swelling bosom of the loftiest of the Catskill group, *Hunter mountain*, coming in at Middleburgh from the south by east. The pickets of the Catskills, nosing between the two valleys from the south, and their sister or spur summits, the Hellebergs on the east, and the Middlebergs on the west, maintain eternal vigilance over the pretty village nestling in security from high winds and cold winters, at their feet. What a magnificent panorama is presented from either one of those summits! the *Oncongona*; the *Onistagravaugh* (called by reason of its profile, "Vroman's Nose"); the *Mohegonter* with its lofty pinnacle and huge shoulders, one of which is sliced off to a perpendicular height of 300 feet; or the *Kanjeearagore*, clad in leafy habiliments from its feet to its black, rocky seamed brows, from which is derived the name by which it is commonly known—"the Cliff!"

The First Settlement in Schoharie County was at Middleburgh. Sixty families of Palatamates, refugees from old Germany, cut their way through the woods from the Hudson river in 1713, under the leadership of John Conrad Weiser. The historians do not fix the exact year of their arrival, but after reading the statement of grievances which they sent to King George in 1720, a verified copy of which appears in Roscoe's history, that point seems to be clear. They were settled in the camps of the Livingston's in 1710. "The latter end of that year (referring to 'the second year of their abode at Livingston's')," says the petition, "There being no provisions to be had and the people bare of clothes, which occasioned a terrible consternation, * * * some of their chiefs were suddenly dispatched away to the Indians," etc. This was in the winter of 1712. "The chiefs returned to the people, acquainting them with the favorable disposition of the Indians, * * * all hands were put at work and in two weeks cleared a way through the woods of fifteen miles long * * * which being effected, fifty families were immediately sent to *Schorie*." This must have been in the beginning of the year of 1713, because the petition a little further on says, "In the same year in March, did the remainder of the people proceed on their journey, and by God's assistance travell'd in fournight with sledges thro' the snow which then covered the ground above three feet deep, Cold and Hunger joyined their friends and countrymen in the Promised Land, *Schorie*." The Indians referred to were the Mohegans.

Willard G. Putnam, cashier of the First National Bank, has had considerable experience as a financier. He was born in Troy, August 21, 1838. He received a liberal education and in early life



became identified with the Rensselaer and Saratoga railroad, occupying for ten years the position of general ticket agent and paymaster of that road. During the sixties he established and controlled the Putnam Ship Towing & Ex-

cursion line of boats in New York harbor and was intimately associated with such well known ship owners as Moses H. Grinnell, Marshall O. Roberts and Charles H. Marshall. Sixteen years ago he came to Middleburgh for his health. He accepted a position in the bank three years later, and for the past ten years has served ably and efficiently as cashier. In 1868 he married Miss Elizabeth Shufelt of Troy. He is a member of the Ivanhoe Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 127, of Brooklyn, and is an active member and steward of the Methodist church of Middleburgh.

The First Title to Schoharie Lands known to have been recorded was obtained by Adam Vroman from the Indians, and the tract has since been known as Vroman's Land. It is two miles south-west of Middleburgh. The conveyance is dated Schenectady, August 20, 1711. He obtained a Royal Patent to these lands from King George August 26, 1714. On March 30, 1726, he obtained

a new grant from the Indians. He settled his lands with twenty families of Hollanders and there was considerable friction between his people and the Palatanes before they were able to settle down into neighborly relations.

J. Schuyler Vroman is a direct descendant of Adam Vroman, who by purchase from the Indians, opened and settled a large tract of land adjacent to the village of Middleburgh. Ephraim, his



father, married a daughter of Peter Mattice of the town of Middleburgh. His grandfather, Josiah, married a daughter of Col. Dietz. His great-grandfather, Ephraim, and wife, suffered severely from the depredations of the Tories and Indians in the revolution. They were driven from their home by Brandt and a party of Indians and sought concealment in a corn field. She was murdered, but he and an infant in his arms were taken prisoners. Their descendants have multiplied and figured conspicuously in the growth and development of Middleburgh. Mr. Vroman was born October 23, 1844. He left the farm at sixteen years of age and attended school at Charlotteville and Carlisle. At nineteen years of age he taught school. In 1873 he went into business with George Shaler at Gilboa, and subsequently returned to teaching. On September 1, 1890, he married Alice, the daughter of B. V. Kniskern, of Schoharie. Her grandfather, Freeman Stanton, was a prominent merchant of Middleburgh. Mr. Vroman is an active democrat who maintains strict conscientious scruples against the use of money in elections. He is a vigorous and untiring worker for the party. He was elected supervisor last year from the town of Middleburgh and his official actions in the board carry with them the conviction of a faithful discharge of duty.

Middleburgh Stands on Historic Ground. It was the gateway for the tory and Indian expeditions to and from their headquarters on the Niagara river during the revolutionary war. Three forts were constructed in 1777 in the Schoharie valley to dispute their passage and many battles and skirmishes resulted at this point. All that remains of the middle fort one mile north of Middleburgh is a narrow stone building with the old fashioned steep Dutch roof. A sketch of the fort as it stood at the time of the invasion by Sir John Johnson and Brant on the 17th day of October, 1780, when the village and neighboring settlements were burned, was drawn by R. A. Grider, of Canajoharie, in 1887. Three acres were enclosed with palisades, the line of which was years afterwards verified by means of holes in the ground in which were found the rotting stumps of the pickets. The buildings, a stone house and log barn were standing within the recollection of people living in the year Mr. Grider drew the plans. Within the past few years many valuable relics have been plowed up on the site of the old fort and on adjacent lands. Mr. F. H. Mallery has a curious collection of arrow heads, coins, musket locks and balls. Knives and tomahawks have been picked up in the village. Among the latter is a most curious pipe and blade attached to a handle bearing fifty notches.

Middleburgh was Erected into a Town March 17, 1797. It was then Middletown. It received its present name April 7, 1861. Schoharie county was formed from Albany and Otsego counties April 6, 1795. The town of Fulton was detached from Middleburgh April 15, 1829, and the present limits were established by detaching portions now included in the town of Broome in 1844. The village was originally Weiser's dort. It was subsequently known as Hunterfield. The village was incorporated April 10, 1881. Those who are entitled to credit for the movement are George Dodge, G. N. Frisbie, J. E. Young, H. D. Wells, Harrison Hallenbeck, Wm. Dunn, M. Guernsey, J. L. Engle, David Bassler, W. H. Engle, John H. Mallery, W. E. Thorne, Hadley Snyder, A. J. Freeman, G. S. Lyles, John H. Cornell, Frank Straub, J. B. Badgley, G. L. Danforth, Joseph Becker, W. E. Bassler, J. Neville, D. Beekman, M. Scutt, Dr. James Lawyer.

William E. Thorne, is the president of the village of Middleburgh, chosen for the eleventh time, five times consecutively without opposition in the caucus or at the polls. He is prominent in every



progressive step in village affairs, the incorporation of the town, the organization of the fire department, the building of the water works, the school, grading the streets, and in the building of the Coopers-town, Middleburgh & Cats-

kill railroad, of which company he was a promoter and is the president. He is prominent in the cemetery association and is a director of the Middleburgh & Schoharie railroad. He was born in Athens, Greene county, July 21, 1842. He was educated in the academy at Knox, Albany county, and studied law with Judge Mayham at Blenheim, N. Y. He was admitted to practice in the state courts December, 1868, and to the United States courts April, 1867. He entered into partnership with the late Judge Lyman Sanford at Middleburgh, January 1, 1868, which continued up to the latter's death, March 1881. He served as district attorney in 1878, and was prominently supported for county judge a year ago. He served as surrogate in special cases where the judge was disqualified. He is one of the most prominent democrats in the county having been delegate to a number of state conventions and having served as chairman of the town committee for twenty-one consecutive terms. He is an Old Fellow and was the first master of the local Masonic lodge and in 1877-8 was district deputy grand master of the 11th Masonic district. He is regarded as one of the best working Masons in the state. He is also a member of the Burgess Corps and St. George's Commandery at Schenectady.

George A. Dutton is one of the board of village trustees and a member of the democratic county committee. He was born in Broome, September 23, 1837, and devoted his entire time to farming until 1887, when he moved into the village. He owns a farm of 350 acres which occupies much of his attention. It is situated two miles east of



THE OLD BRIDGE AT MIDDLEBURGH—SCHOHARIE VALLEY.

Franklinton. His principal interest is sheep raising, in which he has been quite successful. On March 4, 1874, he married Elmira B., the daughter of Robert C. Leonard, of Broome. They are identified with the Reformed church, at which they are regular attendants. Mr. Dutton is a member of the local Masonic lodge. He has interested himself in the necessity of water works and as a member of the village board of trustees did his share towards making the enterprise an assured fact.

William Tompkins, a trustee of the village of Middleburgh, was born in that town April 2, 1848. His father, Samuel, was a farmer. At eighteen years of age Mr. Tompkins moved to the village. He learned the trade of a moulder and followed that business for fifteen years, having for a partner Nathaniel Tompkins. He subsequently built a saw mill which he has since conducted, turning out lumber for the trade. He is a member of La Bastille lodge of Odd Fellows No. 494 of Middleburgh. He married Abbie, the daughter of John Lambert, in February, 1888. He was elected a trustee of the village a year ago last spring and is one of the board which has brought into the village the new water system.

George E. Borst, one of the village trustees, occupies much of his time in the public affairs of the town. He was born in Middleburgh, January 27, 1845. Twenty-five years ago he started in the harness business on Railroad street, subsequently locating in the Borst block on Main street, where he now conducts a large harness and general saddlery supply and manufacturing establishment, dealing extensively in wagons and sleighs. He is actively identified with the Methodist church, being one of the building committee. He is treasurer of the Middleburgh Cemetery association and of the fire department. Mr. Borst is

entitled to a share of credit as one of the village board in granting a franchise for the new water company.

William H. Neville, for three years the editor of the *Gazette* and for two years a member of the democratic county committee, but who resigned this fall, was born at Middleburgh, August 6, 1867.



His father, Jacob Neville, was a prominent democrat and for thirty years one of the best known merchants in the town. He left a handsome competence at the time of his death. His son, William H., attended the Albany academy 1881-5. He was deputy in the

post-office under his father during Cleveland's first administration, and following that was with the Brandow Printing Company at Albany one year. On December 10, 1891, he bought the *Middleburgh Gazette*, which he sold September 6, 1894. On June 22, 1893, he married Maude E., the daughter of H. O. Lewis, of Conesville. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Encampment, Canton Young at Schoharie, the Middleburgh lodge F. and A. M., and the Red Men.

George W. Vroman, a leading merchant, was born in Middleburgh, October 21, 1845. His father, Abram L. Vroman, was an old resident of the town, a carpenter by trade. His mother was

Sophia Effner. Her father, Joseph, was largely engaged in the tannery business when that was an important industry of Middleburgh. Mr. Vroman began a clerkship at twenty years of age, first with Philip Humphrey, afterwards with William Borst, and later with G. N. Frisbie. Then he began the drug business with Hoag & Richtmyer and when that firm dissolved he continued with Richtmyer until J. T. Dunn bought him out. Mr. Dunn died in 1883, and Mr. Vroman and Dr. James T. Lawyer formed a co-partnership the same year and continued the same business until the latter died in 1890. In 1892 the affairs of the firm being settled, Mr. Vroman retired and the following year started in alone where he now is with a new and large stock. Here he has built a large and prosperous business. For years he was an active democrat. Afterwards he entered the prohibition movement, which appealed to his principles, and he is to day foremost in that cause. He is a trustee of the M. E. church and an Odd Fellow. On February 7, 1887, he married Irene, the daughter of Lewis Fox of Middleburgh. They have two children, Everett and Edna.

Pierre W. Danforth, the editor of the *Middleburgh Press*, is the youngest editor in the county. In September, 1889, he started *The Welcome Guest*, a two column folio monthly. This he published until last year when he made a three column folio, weekly, and gave it the present name. This year he publishes the *Press* as a three-column quarto and is making a newsy, successful sheet. He is studying law with his father,



FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Middleburgh, N. Y.

Village and Town Officers.

President—WILLIAM THORNE.

Trustees—GEORGE E. BORST, GEORGE A. DUTTON, WM. P. TOMPKINS.

Village Clerk—WILLIAM H. NEVILL.

Treasurer—W. G. PEENAM.

Collector—S. M. SIMKINS.

Street Commissioner—ROBERT WOOD.

Police Justice—H. M. MARSELLUS.

Police Constables—O. C. SOKNBERGER, M. STOKER, AMBROSE CULCHESTER.

County School Commissioner, 1st District—J. K. AVERSON.

Board of Education—GEORGE L. DANFORTH, President, J. E. YOUNG, Secretary, DR. C. S. BEST, Commissioner, DANIEL D. FRISBIE, Treasurer.

Supervisor—J. SCHUYLER VROMAN.

Town Clerk—F. A. SULLIVAN.

Justices of Peace—JOSEPH BECKER, H. M. MARSELLUS, CHESTER WILSON, GEORGE S. ATCHINSON.

The Town Board audits all accounts. It is composed of the Supervisor and the four Justices of the Peace. The Town Clerk acts as secretary of the board.

George Lintner Danforth, lawyer, literateur and historian, is the descendant of an old established family which was so largely active in the settlement and building up of Schoharie county.



He takes deep interest and devotes much of his time and means in historical researches, which prove of so much value in later years. He is the president of the Schoharie County Historical Society, an organization which is doing very much in

preserving local records and historical relics, and he has placed at the disposal of the society many valuable facts in the form of writings and addresses. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1894. His grandfather, George, a lawyer of preeminent ability, died in the south. His father, the late supreme court judge, Peter S. Danforth, lived to more than three score and fifteen years and filled the pages of local history with the lustre of his personal qualities. He died three years ago. George Lintner was born at Middleburgh, N. Y., July 19, 1841. He was graduated at Rutgers college in 1863. He is trustee of that ancient institution and president of its alumni association. He was admitted to practice law in 1862. He is president of the board of trustees of the Union Free school, director of the First National bank, and treasurer of the Middleburgh and Schoharie Railroad Company. He is an active Mason and Odd Fellow and an earnest democrat in politics. His home is the spacious ancestral mansion in the prettiest portion of the valley, where the hospitality of the Danforth's of years ago is fully maintained by Mr. Danforth and his accomplished wife. His only child, Mr. Pierre W. Danforth, is a student at law in his office and the editor and publisher of the *Middleburgh Press*.

The Union Free School of the village of Middleburgh was established by a union of school districts, Nos. 4, 7 and 8, by a vote of the three districts taken at a union meeting held in the village of Middleburgh, January 10, 1883. The first board of education chosen at that meeting were W. H. Albro, Harmon Vroman and Montraville Gernsey. Mr. Albro was elected president. Mr. Gernsey died the following September and Lewis Fox was elected in October to fill the vacancy. The board purchased a plot of two acres on Main street of Dr. Henry Wells and Bartholomew Becker, each receiving \$1,500. The building is a three story brick structure surmounted by a cupola. The first and second floors are each equally divided by a main hall passing from the front to the rear entrance with two rooms on each side. Two flights of stairs lead from the first floor to the top story which is entirely

devoted to a public hall, probably the most commodious in the county. The building complete cost about \$17,000. It is supplied with as good a philosophical apparatus and library as can be found in any school district of the size, at a cost of about \$1,000. Two furnaces with registers cost \$2,000, the furniture another \$1,000. This with the cost of the land and the subsequent grading, laying walks, etc., brings the total cost of the school property and furnishings up to about \$25,000.

J. Edward Young, editor of the *Middleburgh Gazette* and member of the board of education, was born in Prattsville, Greene county, N. Y., January 6, 1848. He graduated at Roxbury seminary.



He is a forcible, vigorous writer doing considerable literary work for other publications. He served as town clerk two years and for twelve consecutive years, beginning 1881, village clerk. He represented Schoharie county in the assembly of 1889.

He is a stockholder in the first National bank, and is one of the promoters and directors of the Middleburgh Water company. He was active in the incorporation of the village and has served six years as treasurer for the Middleburgh academy, being, in 1892, unanimously elected member of the board. He is an uncompromising democrat often representing his party in state and county conventions and on the county committee. He was married to Miss Inez, daughter of James A. Bouck of Conesville on Nov. 15, 1893. He is district deputy grand patriarch, I. O. O. F. for the Schoharie district, and a member of Canton Young of Schoharie, which is named after him.

F. A. Wells, of Badgley & Wells, is one of the young, enterprising business men of the village. He was born in Middleburgh, December 13, 1859. At twenty years of age he entered a clerkship with J. B. Badgley in the drug business. Eight years ago he accepted an interest in the store. C. M. Badgley, also a partner, has since retired from the firm and it has continued under the firm name of Badgley & Wells. The latter is a charter and active member of the Scribner hook and ladder company and is personally active in whatever promises the best interests of the village. In March, 1891, he married Miss Ina Straub. The firm does a large and widely extended business in drugs, paints, oils and adjunctory lines of merchandise. Its patronage comes from a considerable stretch of country. The store is in a commodious building in the centre of the village and occupies two floors.

Robert O. Gordon, proprietor of the Gordon House has built up a paying business, having had considerable experience behind the desk in the leading Susquehanna valley hotels. He was clerk in the Babcock at East Worcester three years, in the Central at Oneonta four and a half years, in the Ballard at Cooperstown four years and in the White House at Middleburgh four and one-half

years. He is an active democrat, a member of the local Masonic order and of the Independent Order of Red Men.

P. H. Fredericks is one of the largest furniture dealers in the county. He was born in Seward, Schoharie county, January 5, 1840. At twenty-two years of age he learned the carpenter's trade and followed it sixteen years in Cobleskill. For four years he manufactured spring beds. On November 27, 1882, he came to Middleburgh and began business in furniture and undertaking on Railroad street. In 1886 he bought a most eligible plot 41 x 600 feet on Main street, in the center of the village. On this he erected a pretty three story brick building. His property comprises one of the best block of building sites in town. His stock of goods includes carpets, furniture, oil cloths, etc., a considerable portion of the best articles of which he manufactures himself. The building comprises his store on the ground floor, a suite of residences on the second floor, and a commodious lodge room on the third floor which is occupied by the La Bastille Lodge of Odd Fellows No. 494.

The Firm of West & Taylor was established in 1891. The business consists of groceries, provisions and flour and feed, which are supplied to a large farming section. During the first year the firm sold 1000 barrels of flour and twenty-five car loads of feed, which was then regarded as a remarkable trade. Subsequently these figures have increased each year, the trade reaching for several miles in every direction. The store capacity becoming overtaxed the firm secured a warehouse at the depot where the unloading of cars is facilitated and where a large stock can be safely and conveniently stored. The firm has the agency of the Granite City mills, St. Cloud, Minn., and flour is shipped directly from the mills to them. They also buy and ship large consignments of country produce.

The Union Free School Teachers. — H. H. SNELL, Ph.B., principal and librarian; MATHIE E. SNELL, vice-principal; Miss ELLA C. CROSSWELL, perceptress; Miss ELIZABETH M. RORICK, grammar department; Miss ALICE M. REQUA, intermediate department; Miss ANNA E. BECKER, A. primary; Miss CORNELIA BOUCK, B. primary.

John Philip Segner, a leading furniture dealer, undertaker and embalmer, is a representative German-American citizen and is active in local democratic politics, having served as town clerk



two years. He was born in Wertheim, Germany, June 22, 1860, where he learned the trade of cabinet maker. He worked in Liverpool at nineteen years of age and landed in Middleburgh August, 1880, and was employed by John

Souers. In 1881 he traveled through the west and on his return formed a copartnership with Souers. This was dissolved in 1884 and Segner journeyed around the globe. In 1887 he succeeded Souers and has since built up a large business. He is a practical undertaker and embalmer having a diploma from the United States College of Embalming dated August 7, 1891. On April 23, 1888, he married a daughter of George P. Messer of Middleburgh.

A J Freemyer the proprietor of the Freemyer house, was born in the town of Middleburgh July 21, 1826. The family is among the oldest in the county. On April 1, 1859, he leased the tavern



in the east end of the village owned by Jonas Persons. To this he gave the name of Bull's Head. On April 1, 1863, Mr. Freemyer leased the hotel now bearing his name and subsequently purchased the property. He built a large addition

and raised the main part and has since spent many hundreds of dollars in improvements. In 1854 he married Nancy Catharine, the daughter of Wm. Shaver. Their son, William, is dead. Their daughter is Mrs. Hiram Bender, of Albany. Mr. Freemyer is a staunch democrat and years ago was very active in local politics. The Freemyer House was built seventy years ago by a merchant named Ferrill. The landlords up to Mr. Freemyer's time were Messrs. Tyler and Holton, Abram S. De Myers, Nicholas Snyder, David Dantorth, one Buckingham and E. D. Atchison.

Dr. Hadley Snyder, for years a democratic leader, in 1852 a member of assembly, for three years a school trustee and one of the promoters of the present excellent graded school and for a number of terms a supervisor, was born October 21, 1831, at Newville, Herkimer county. At fourteen years of age he entered the dental office of Dr. H. D. Hall in New York. When nineteen years old he located at Middleburgh. The doctor served three terms as school trustee, employing the best teachers and so thoroughly arousing the village to the need of a graded school that from that time the subject was exploited until the change was made. On November 25, 1858, the doctor married Cornelia Irwin, his first wife. They had one daughter, now the wife of Dr. J. C. Nelson, a prominent physician of Truxton, Cortland county. The doctor's present wife was Miss Alice Pett of Ritchfield Springs.

Seymour Shafer, clerk in the Freemyer House who has become quite popular with the traveling public, was born at Richmondville, October 19, 1862. His father, John Shafer, was a hotel man

of experience, proprietor of what is now the White House and afterwards the Empire House at Richmondville. He was a born landlord and his son inherits the same trait. The latter married Georgie, daughter of George Craw of Grand

Gorge, October 15, 1884. He is an active worker for the local democratic party. He began the hotel

business in 1881 and is very widely acquainted with the hotel patrons of the Susquehanna. He is a great admirer of good horses. He has served five years in the fire department and is an honorary member of the steamer company. He is junior deacon in the Middleburgh lodge, F. & A. M., and conductor and vice grand in the Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Red Men.

Mrs. A. P. Snyder, milliner, has for eight years conducted the business in Middleburgh. After ten years experience, Mrs. Snyder gives the ladies of Middleburgh an opportunity to secure the latest styles of hats without the necessity of going out of town. She brings direct from New York the freshest line of ladies' fancy goods, dress silks, fancy yarns, notions, ribbons, articles for making fancy work, ready made muslins, woolen underwear, velvets, etc. Her trimmings are up to the times and the very prettiest that can be devised.

Mrs. L. C. White has proven that a thoroughly business woman can successfully manage a first-class hotel without stepping out of her natural sphere in life. On the death of her husband,



William Sidney White, which occurred January 31, 1890, she was left with the large hotel property, the White House, on her hands. She was placed in the position where she had to sacrifice valuable interests or take the management

into her own hands. With indomitable pluck she at once chose the latter alternative. With business sagacity and an earnest desire to preserve all in the world that was left to her, she took the reins entirely in her own hands and has been rewarded with a prosperous and paying business. Her husband was formerly from Catskill. He took the White House in April, 1878. Mrs. White is a native of Brooklyn and a graduate of the High school in that city. She married Mr. White December 15, 1880. By perseverance and excellent management she has made the White House one of the best hotels along the Susquehanna.

The Hotel Martin, a popular hostelry on Railroad street, was purchased by Peter Martin fifteen years ago. Mr. Martin, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, came to America when seventeen years old. He acquired a considerable competence in a restaurant in Schoharie, which he conducted for fifteen years. Twenty years ago he owned an interest in the hotel property at How's Cove. Since he purchased the Hotel Martin he has built a large addition, making it one of the largest hotels in town. He is widely known as a hearty, good natured landlord and his hotel is a favorite resort.

George Simpkins, the Middleburgh representative of "GRIP'S" GAZETTE, has served faithfully as assistant in the National Express office. He possesses good business qualities and is widely acquainted. He would make a hustling local manager in any branch of business.

The Express Business of the town has grown enormously since the National Express company established an office there ten years ago. Mr. Charles L. Haines, a popular young man, was



placed in charge and since then he has drummed up the business to double what it was the first year. His duties at first included messenger service on the railroad. Now he has a regular messenger, Mr. George Bassler, and an assistant in the office, Mr. George Simpkins,

besides wagon delivery and driver. In the shipment of plums and dairy produce there has been a wonderful increase, 30,000 baskets of plums having been shipped the past season. The conservative, safe and ample facilities afforded by the National are behind their hustling agent. Mr. Haines was born in Fulton, December 28, 1859. On December 17, 1884, he married Lizzie E., the daughter of John Kinney of Middleburgh. He is a red-hot democrat and a worker. He belongs to the Masonic order and is the foreman of the Scribner hook and ladder company.

The Post Office rates among the best in the county. There have been generally the appointment on both sides of leading business men—in this way the best standard of excellence has been maintained—such reputable business men as Jacob Neville (democrat), W. E. Bassler (republican), and Alonzo Almy (democrat), the present incumbent. The office distributes mail to eastern Schoharie and south-eastern Albany counties via Livingstonville, Franklinton, Preston Hollow and Potter's Hollow. Mail is also forwarded to south-eastern Schoharie county via Fulton, Breakabeen and Blenheim. The office attendance is prompt and seldom an error occurs. EDWARD COWAN, the deputy, is in charge and CLAUD BOUCK is his assistant.

Frank X. Straub, the founder and owner of the telegraph line and business in Middleburgh, has been personally identified with every public improvement in the town, including the village in-



corporation and the establishment of the fire department. He was born in Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany, June 1, 1847, of Catholic parentage. At the age of four years he landed in New York. He was educated in a German school in

Brooklyn and settled in Middleburgh in 1868. He was confirmed in St. Luke's church at Middleburgh by the Rt. Rev. Wm. C. Doane in 1869. In 1870 he married Emmarte E., the daughter of Montreville Gernsey, of Middleburgh. In 1886 he visited his old home in Germany and received a royal welcome. He has been an active member of the Good Templars, the Columbian Literary

society, the F. and A. M., and the I. O. O. F. He took an active part in organizing the volunteer fire department. He built the telegraph line which he owns and operates, June 1, 1889. He has control of the telephone and the local office of the United States signal service.

The Fire Department, one of the best of the volunteers in the state, was organized December 31, 1887, by a vote of the village trustees: William Thorne, president, J. C. Borst, George S. Lynes and Frank Snyder, trustees. George L. Danforth was elected chief and has since held that office. A neat and commodious two story brick building had already been constructed at the moderate cost of \$2,000. A steamer and a hook and ladder company were organized. Subscriptions were taken to purchase a steamer, which has proven a useful and first-class article, at a cost of \$2,000. J. M. Scribner, a New York business man who makes Middleburgh his summer home, drew his check for the purchase of a hook and ladder truck, and the company was named after him.

THE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer—GEORGE L. DANFORTH.

Assistant Chief—EMMETT VROMAN.

Clerk—GEORGE BASSLER.

Treasurer—GEORGE E. BORST.

Fire Board consists of the President of the Board of Trustees of the village, the Chief Engineer and the Foreman of each company.

The rules of the department were printed by the board of trustees and accepted by the department. Each company has monthly meetings and the department quarterly meetings.

J. M. SCRIBNER H. AND L. CO.

Foreman, CHARLES L. HAINES.

First Assistant, FRANK BENN.

Second Assistant, G. L. FOX.

Secretary, JOHN C. MILLER.

Treasurer, E. W. VROMAN.

Drill Master, HENRY SHAVER.

Porter, MONROE BAKER.

Honorary Members: John M. Scribner, W. E. Thorne, J. C. Borst, G. N. Frisbie, J. S. Vroman, John Rossmann, M.D., Jacob Neville (deceased Sept. 16, 1891), W. E. Bassler, Duryea Beekman, W. G. Putnam, J. E. Young, P. S. Danforth (deceased July 10, 1892), J. B. Badgley, James Lawyer (deceased Oct., 1891), C. S. Best, M.D., W. H. Beller, H. D. Wells, Charles A. White.

Charter Members: C. M. Badgley, E. D. Becker, Dow Beekman, George Billings, I. L. Brayman, J. M. Burchard, H. Brazee, A. W. Chatfield, J. L. Dennison, F. W. Fox, Lee Frederick, C. L. Haines, Theodore Head, I. B. Hess, J. T. Kelsey, A. J. Kniffen, Henry McBain, W. H. Neville, M. E. Owen, C. H. Rhinehardt, E. Simpkins, G. W. Simpkins, A. W. Stevenson, F. X. Straub, W. Travers, E. W. Vroman, Jesse Vroman, T. B. Vroman, W. C. Vroman, F. A. Wells, F. L. Williams, C. E. White, M. Wilson, W. T. Rivenbergh, M.D., G. D. Frisbie, D. A. Reynolds.

Members since Admitted: George Hill, Manly Petchel, George L. Fox, R. Whitney, Emmet Pechtel, Henry Shaver, Marvin Rivenbergh, Frank Benn, Charles Beller, B. G. Cornell, Wm. Hotaling, John Miller, C. Winegar, George Burchard, James Baker, Frank Bliss, Christopher Effner, Gordon Dibble, N. Manning, Jr., T. Grant Ferguson.

STEAMER COMPANY NO. 1.

Foreman, GEORGE W. CORNELL.

First Assistant, GEORGE BASSLER.

Second Assistant, GEORGE B. HYDE.
Secretary, CHARLES SIMPKINS.
Treasurer, CARLETON CONNELL.
Finance Committee, T. W. NEVILLE, GEORGE B. HYDE, CHARLES WEAVER.
Engineer, S. C. WEST.
First Assistant Engineer, GEORGE A. KLOCK.
Second Assistant Engineer, T. WALES.
Third Assistant Engineer, WILLIAM DUNMORE.
Charter members—J. A. McAlister, John H. Cornell, Alonzo Amy, W. S. Freemyer, George E. Borst, M. Hazelton, George W. Cornell, George W. Vroman, A. B. Engle, Charles Williams, P. D. Stever, R. B. Marsellus, A. E. Barney, G. W. Gage, C. Cornell, F. X. Straub, J. H. Hamilton, C. O. Driggs, F. A. Sullivan, J. L. Engle, T. S. Watson, E. Bates, C. Warner, William Tompkins, H. Durham, D. Wilson, R. Winegar, C. R. Bouck, H. Spore, M. P. Bouck, G. W. Dodge, A. France, J. P. Segner, M. Spore, G. B. Hyde, P. Brazee, A. Mallory, R. D. Gordon, H. S. Shaver, J. Rockstroh, George Bassler, P. Martin, S. Redick, T. Hill, S. C. West, William Dunmore, T. W. Neville, H. Hermann, L. McAlister, S. Hutchings, J. V. Patterson, S. M. Simpkins, William J. Coons, W. Rickard.

Members since admitted—George E. Klock, William Dual, E. Shimley, J. W. Ritchie, E. Tompkins, G. B. Hanes, John Reynolds, F. Roney, T. Heall, O. Sornberger, C. Simpkins, P. W. Danforth, G. H. Campbell, E. L. Shoemaker, A. McBain, C. Van Vorhis, S. Hanes, G. A. Shoemaker, E. Kniffen.

Jerome Badgley, of Badgley & Wells, druggists, is one of the promoters of the Cooperstown, Middleburgh & Catskill railroad, and is an incorporator in the Middleburgh Water company. He



is director of the First National Bank and one of the stockholders in the Middleburgh railroad. He was born in Dutchessburgh, Schoharie county, April 11, 1833. His father was for years a merchant and the postmaster at Schoharie. He began business life with his father. In 1859 he was in partnership with Hiram Howard in the drug business at Middleburgh.

In 1887 his son, Claud M. and Frank A. Wells were admitted to an interest in the business. The former is now with the Douw H. Fonda Drug company at Albany, and the firm is now Badgley & Wells. Mr. Badgley is trustee of the Lutheran church and an active republican. On September 7, 1883, he married Miss Mary C., the daughter of Nathaniel Manning. They have had two children, one deceased.

James Borst, a promoter and director of the new Middleburgh Water company has always been foremost and personally active in every enterprise and improvement which benefits the village. For six years he was a member of the board of trustees. He was railroad commissioner and while occupying that position had the pleasure of retiring the last bonds of the town, amounting to \$30,000 and interest. He was born in Central Bridge, September 13, 1841. His father was a miller at that place and afterwards at Middleburgh. The Borsts are among the most notable

of the early families in the county. In 1876 Mr. Borst started the meat business which has been built up to one of the largest meat and provision markets in the county. Branching out as he did in other enterprises and devoting considerable time in buying hops, he (six years ago) accepted as partner Julius Rockstroh, a practical German butcher. Mr. Borst is a member of the Masonic order. Twenty years ago he married Emma, the daughter of Mortimer Cook.

The Water Supply of the village is obtained from a stream of spring water high in the Helleberg mountains. A reservoir with a capacity of many thousand gallons will serve as a reserve supply in dry weather. On the 20th day of October, 1901, Messrs. J. C. Borst and Frank X. Straub lowered the first length of water pipe into the trench prepared for it in Main street. The Middleburgh Water Company is organized by enterprising local business men, with whom are associated the projectors and largest stockholders, J. Warne and F. C. Lamb of Cooperstown. It is capitalized at \$25,000. On the 20th day of October, 1901, the articles of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State, and work was at once begun, the surveys having previously been made at private expense. The present capacity is one and a half million gallons per diem. This can be largely increased. The village board promptly made a contract with the company for not less than twenty-eight hydrants at \$25 a hydrant per year with a public fountain and water for street sprinkling to be supplied free of cost to the village. The contract runs for five years, at the expiration of which the village has a purchaser's option for \$25,000. The officers and directors are Alex. H. Clark, Fly Creek, president; J. Warne Lamb, Cooperstown, vice-president and secretary; F. C. Lamb and Charles H. Kaine of Cooperstown and J. E. Young, James C. Borst and Jerome B. Badgley of Middleburgh, directors.

John Rossman, M.D., a leading physician of the county, was born in Fulton, Schoharie county, March 8, 1847. He studied medicine with Dr. J. D. Wheeler in Middleburgh in 1865, and after grad-



uating in 1868 from the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery practiced with him one year, since then continuing alone successfully. For twelve years he has occupied the position of health officer of the town and is a member of the

Medical society of Schoharie county. He is an active democrat and the secretary of the board of pension examiners for Schoharie county, appointed by President Cleveland. He is a member of the Middleburgh Lodge F. and A. M. No. 163, John L. Lewis Chapter No. 229 F. and A. M., St. Georges Commandery No. 37 F. and A. M., the Middleburgh Encampment No. 121, and La Bastille Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 491. He is district deputy grand master and district deputy grand patriarch of the Schoharie district I. O. O. F. His first wife, Mary, the daughter of Cornelius Bouck, died in 1876. He married his present wife, Elizabeth B. Smith, March 20, 1883.

The Clerks—Reference has been made to them in another paragraph. The clerk is the business man of the future. In Middleburgh we find at W. E. Bassler & Co.'s behind the counter courteous and active, fully attendant on his duties, HOWARD BEST, of Fulton, who has probably been there two years. At Sullivan & Haynes is ARTHUR Mc BAIN, a faithful clerk about five years; at Engle Bros., FRANK BENN, who is popular and has about four or five years' experience, and HENRY WILBUR, who is prompt and pleasant. At the White House, JEROME HAGADORN is in charge, a genial, attentive gentleman. At G. W. Vroman's there are T. B. VROMAN and CHRIS. M. EFNER, the former there for four or five years and the latter for two years. Both are popular and faithful. At Alonzo Almy's there is RALPH BRAZEE, who began a year or so ago and who is agreeable and obliging to all. At D. D. & G. D. Frisbie's there are MESSRS. CHESTER VROMAN, of Fulton, and CHARLES MATTHEW, of Blenheim, both popular and obliging young men. The former has been there about four years and the latter two years. At West & Taylor's is CHARLES DUNMORE, who attends strictly and faithfully to his business. At John Cornell & Co.'s are JOHN MILLER and GEORGE BURCHARD. The former has been there about eight years and the latter about three years. Both are widely known and well liked.

Willard T. Rivenbergh, M.D., a young physician, enjoys a large practice and a reputable place in the profession. He has served as president and vice-president in the Medical society



of Schoharie county and is now medical examiner for several well known insurance companies, chief of which are the Mutual Life of New York, the Northwestern and the United States Accident. The doctor's ancestry are revolutionary stock. His wife who was Miss Belle Stan-

ton, is a descendant of notable early pioneers, among whom was the illustrious General Dana, who was immortalized in general orders by General Washington immediately following the battle of Bunker Hill. Dr. Rivenbergh's mother was a Pultz, who was related to Walter Gunn and wife, distinguished Lutheran missionaries in India. The doctor was educated at the Boys' Academy, Troy, the South Berkshire Institute, Massachusetts, and the University of Buffalo, where he took the M. D. degree, graduating in 1885. He was president of the Alpha Omega Delta society, and his sheepskin bears his own official signature as such. He was married at Middleburgh, October 14, 1891. His wife is a graduate of the Albany Female Academy.

Bates & Zeh is an important cigar manufacturing firm of Middleburgh. They succeeded the firm of Dillinger & Bates which was organized March 1, 1891, by L. O. J. Dillinger and E. Bates. The business was continued by them until December 15, 1893, when E. Bates purchased the interest of Mr. Dillinger and sold the same to George E. Zeh and the firm has since continued business

under the firm name of Bates & Zeh. The firm produced 250,000 cigars the first year, and their product has steadily increased up to the present time.

George L. Fox, editor of the Middleburgh *News*, was born in Middleburgh, N. Y., April 3, 1871. In 1888 he began the publication of *The American Youth*, in Middleburgh, a monthly story paper



with a circulation in every state in the union, and in 1889 sold it to a good advantage to a publishing house in Boston. He subsequently purchased the *South Orange, N. J., Journal* and moved it to Middleburgh, where he associated himself with Wellington E. Bassler, a prominent business man and republican, in the publication of the *Middleburgh News*, a weekly republican paper. The field was small and the venture unpromising, but with energy and perseverance the publication has been pushed into the front rank of republican weekly papers, where it has proven successful. It is now one of the leading papers of the county. Its circulation has grown rapidly. It is foremost in agitating local improvements. The plant has been enlarged and is now fully equipped for first class newspaper and job work. Mr. Fox is a member of Middleburgh Lodge No. 663, F. and A. M., a member and recording secretary of La Bastille Lodge No. 494, I. O. O. F., and Chief of Records of Oucongona Tribe, I. O. R. M.

The Middleburgh Lodge F. and A. M., No. 663, was chartered June 6, 1868. To day it has forty-seven members in good standing and a well provided treasury. It was the first lodge in the 11th Masonic district to pay its pro rata assessment to the Masonic Hall and Asylum fund. The amount was \$647; the date of payment December 31, 1887. The meetings of the lodge are on the second and fourth Friday in every month, in the Neville building. The officers: Dow Beekman, W. M.; Emmet Vroman, S. W.; George B. Haynes, J. W.; J. Schuyler Vroman, treasurer; G. S. Atchinson, secretary; W. T. Rivenbergh, S. D.; George S. Hill, J. D.; C. L. Haines, F. M. C.; Wm. Loucks, S. M. C.; Rev. C. W. Pitcher, Chaplain; Chas. Reeves, Tyler.

Wellington E. Bassler is the son of David Bassler who for fifteen years conducted a store in Huntersland and in 1869 bought the Luther Vroman store in Middleburgh. Here the business has since continued, the son taking a half interest in 1871, and the father retiring in favor of John H. Cornell in April, 1875. The latter withdrew January 1, 1880, and in 1887 C. L. McBain and George B. Wheeler became the company in the firm of W. E.



Bassler & Co. Mr. David Bassler died September 13, 1893. Mr. Wellington Bassler was born in Huntersland. He graduated from Starkey seminary in June 1869. He was chosen alumni trustee in 1872 and president in 1871 still holding both positions. He was trustee of the Middleburgh academy six years and four years its president, in 1874 chosen superintendent of the Reformed church Sunday school which he still holds and in 1882-3 secretary of the Schoharie county Sunday school association. He has been its president since 1888. On January 1, 1890, he was associated with Mr. Fox in founding the *Middleburgh News*. He is director of the First National bank, also the Middleburgh & Schoharie railroad. He has served as secretary and is the chairman of the republican county committee. He owns valuable farming stock and is a practical farmer. In 1874 he married Miss Aida, daughter of Nathaniel Manning. This fall Mr. Bassler was republican candidate for assembly and in a county with a normal majority of from 1,200 to 1,500 democratic he was defeated by only 57 votes. This is as near an election as any republican candidate for assembly has ever come in Schoharie county.

La Bastille Lodge of Middleburgh, I. O. O. F., No. 494, was instituted February 13, 1882. It meets every Monday in the Fredericks building. There are about 100 members in good standing. The officers: C. E. White, N. G.; Erskine Kniffen, V. G.; George L. Fox, Recording Secretary; Charles Snyder, Financial Secretary; George Bassler, Treasurer; Wm. H. Neville, Chaplain; Geo. W. Vroman, R. S. N. G.; Jas. Coons, L. S. N. G.; C. Van Voris, R. S. V. G.; S. Haines, L. S. V. G.; Wm. Bellinger, F. G.

Jacob Vroman owns one of the best upland farms in the vicinity of Middleburgh. He is an industrious, successful farmer and a man who has made money raising hops. His acres overspread the north side of the Mohogonter mountain, the summit of which is less than a mile to the south. The view from *Vroman's* is wonderful. The whole Schoharie Valley with Middleburgh three miles north in the foreground is in sight, and looking further north are the Mayfield mountains.

Dow Beekman is recognized as a conservative, sound and successful attorney who has built up a large practice through the county. His father, Duryea Beekman, and his mother, Elizabeth



Richtmyer, descended from revolutionary stock. He was born at Middleburgh, February 8, 1862. He graduated from Union college in 1884 and for two years was professor of mathematics at the Union Classical Institute, Schenectady, at the same time studying law

with Judge Samuel W. Jackson of that city. He was admitted to the bar at Saratoga in 1886. The following year he entered into partnership with William E. Thorne at Middleburgh. Mr. Beekman is active in local democratic politics, and is thoroughly devoted to his party. In 1887 he was elected district attorney running largely ahead of his ticket. He served ably and proficiently, prosecuting vigorously yet with such careful and intelligent attention to the legal merits involved, that in no case was an indictment drawn by him set aside or quashed. He has rendered valuable service as a campaign speaker since the time of the Cleveland campaign of 1884, serving under the direction of the state committee in 1888, and his work drawing from the press and state committee deserved compliments. He is W. Master of the Middleburgh Lodge, No. 663, F. & A. M., and is past sachem of Oneongena Tribe, No. 240, I. O. R. M., also an Odd Fellow. He is a director of the Middleburgh & Schoharie railroad. He married Laura, the daughter of G. N. Frisbee of Middleburgh, June 9, 1891. They have one child, Marjorie Elizabeth.



THE MIDDLEBURGH PORT OF CALL
A Sketch and drawings after authentic data by Rufus A. Grider, Canal and S. A.

The Middleburgh Encampment No. 129, I. O. O. F. was instituted February 24, 1892, and has about seventy members. It meets in the Fredericks building the first and third Friday in the month. The officers: C. E. White, C. P.; Wm. Dunmore, H. P.; Chas. Snyder, S. W.; F. A. Sullivan, J. W.; J. K. Alverson, Scribe; Dr. John Rossman, Treasurer; James Coons, I. S.; F. W. Fox, 1st W.; Carlton Cornwell, 2d W.; C. Van Voris, 3d W.; A. Richtmyer, 4th W.

Daniel D. Frisbie, the editor of the *Schoharie Republican*, was born in Middleburgh November 30, 1859. His ancestors were New England settlers, one of them an officer in the revolution. He



completed a collegiate course at Hartwick in 1876 and entered the store of Earls & Frisbie as clerk April 1 the same year. Five years later he was the junior member of the firm of Frisbie & Son. On April 1, 1891, he became the head of the firm of D. D. & G. D. Frisbie, a

leading mercantile house in the county. In 1890 he acquired a half interest in one of the finest hop farms in the town and is a member of the Hop Growers association. He was the president of the local democratic campaign club in 1882; also in 1884. He was member and treasurer of the county committee in 1886-'7. On August 8, 1887, he purchased the *Schoharie Republican* and re-established that paper on a paying basis. He has been delegate to various county and state conventions. He is treasurer of the Middleburgh academy and a member of the orders of Masons and Red Men. He is secretary of the Middleburgh and Schoharie railroad. He is interested in local enterprises and prominent in the affairs of the town.



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Engle Brothers have demonstrated that a large general mercantile establishment can be successfully conducted on strictly a cash basis. During the four years they have been exclusively partners in the business it has taken rapid strides. The broth-

ers, who constitute the firm, are Jacob L. and Andrew B., born September 23, 1848 and December 11, 1862, respectively. Jacob, at fifteen years of age was clerk with Jacob Neville one of the most successful merchants of the county. At twenty-six years of age he became a partner. In 1880 the business was moved from the dock into the present quarters, the Neville building. In 1885 Andrew was taken in as a partner and for five years the firm did business under the name of Neville, Engle & Co.



A. B. ENGLE.

The former then retired. The business was at once changed from the credit to the cash basis and has since steadily grown in importance. The second floor was opened for a bargain department and an entirely new stock of dry goods and general merchandise was put in. The store has since been fitted with a cash carrier system on both floors converging to a cashier's desk. It is one of the two stores in the county using the cash carrier system.

Kelsey, Vroman & Co., Middleburgh, N. Y.

A LARGE CLOTHING AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS HOUSE.

This firm was established April 1, 1891, and succeeded Dodge & France. The members of the firm are Joshua T. Kelsey, E. W. Vroman and Charles E. White. They are young men, born and reared in the town in which they are engaged in business, thoroughly experienced in their line of trade, and fully acquainted with the wants of the large agricultural section from which they draw their patronage. Each member of the firm was engaged in the mercantile business for a considerable time prior to their present organization. Mr. Kelsey was with Dodge & France fifteen years; Mr. Vroman was with Frisbie & Son from 1880 to 1891, and Mr. White had served some years in the clothing business. He is a graduate of the Albany Business College. Each one is personally identified with the local lodges and are active in the social life of the village. Messrs. White and Vroman are Odd Fellows and the latter is also a Mason. Mr. Kelsey is a member of the local Order of Red Men. Their store is the largest exclusive clothing and furnishing goods store in the county. It occupies the main floors of the Dodge building on Main street. In connection therewith they carry an extensive line of boots and shoes, rubbers and arctics. All the departments of the large Albany stores are represented in this establishment with the advantages of lower rents and considerably lighter expenses all around.

William H. Albro, a successful lawyer and business man, was born in Huntersland, Schoharie county, September 8, 1840. He was educated in Charlotteville seminary, Fort Edward College



ate institute and Union college. In 1864 he read law with W. H. Engle, at Middleburgh, and on Dec. 8, 1864, was admitted to the bar at Albany. He practiced law with Mr. Engle until February, 1871, since which time he has been alone. He has

one of the best and most complete libraries in the state. In politics he is independent, a republican up to 1880. He served one term, 1878, as school commissioner of the first district, showing ability and accuracy in the preparation of his papers. He was the first president of the board of education of the Union Free school of Middleburgh, which had charge of the purchase of the present property and the construction of the new building. He has been a trustee in the M. E. church fifteen years. On October 31, 1867, he married Elizabeth, the daughter of Daniel D. Dodge. She died February 8, 1892. They lost two boys, Willie, April 14, 1872, and Arthur, November 28, 1873. Grace remains to brighten her father's home. When Arthur died he left a paying drug business which Mr. Albro conducts as administrator.

St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran church was founded May 17, 1824. Rev. George A. Lintner A. M., was the first pastor. The church was dedicated October 30, 1824, by Dr. Lintner, assisted by Dr. E. L. Haselins and Rev. J. P. Goertner. It had about fifty members. Dr. Lintner at that time preached at Middleburgh, Schoharie, Cobleskill and Breakabeen. Eventually Middleburgh became a separate charge and Dr. Lintner continued an active and earnest pastorate there until 1843. The succeeding pastors were: Rev. James Leifer, 1843-5; Rev. Adam Crounse, 1845-8; Rev. Levi Sternbergh, 1848-50; Rev. N. H. Cornell, 1850-3; Rev. John D. English, 1853-8; Rev. Adam Martin, 1858-63; Rev. David Swope, 1863-7; Rev. C. S. Spraker, 1871-3; Rev. C. P. Whittaker, 1873-5; Rev. J. S. Harkey, 1876-84 (the church was without a pastor from August, 1878, until the following March, also from November, 1884, until May, 1885); Rev. J. A. Flickinger, 1885-9, another period without a pastor elapsed until Rev. Edgar G. Miller took charge, the date of which cannot be obtained. He resigned April 1, 1892.

The Rev. FRANK WOLFORD, the present pastor, took charge August 1, 1892. He was educated at Hatwick seminary and he is now in his first ordained pastorate. The first church building burned April 1, 1844. The present edifice, a brick building, situated in a pleasant plot on Main street was dedicated October 1, 1870. The old parsonage was burned March 15, 1872. The present parsonage was built in 1874. The officers are: Elders—Nathaniel Manning, P. S. Haines, H. M. Marselis, G. N. Frisbie. Deacons, Dr. C. S. Best, Seneca Haines, Albert Rickard, B. E. Lewis, D. D. Frisbie, S. W. Bouck, Emmett Haines, Joseph Burt. Trustees—W. H. Haines, Dr. W. T. Rivenbergh, J. B. Badgley.

The Methodist Episcopal Church—The first Methodist society in Middleburgh was organized about seventy years ago. Its founders were Harvey Watson, Ebenezer McMullen, Adonijah Kirkham, Noah Dudley, Anthony Engle and others. The first Sabbath school connected with this society was organized in May, 1821. During the early history of this society their religious meetings were held in a barn on the site of the present new church, afterwards in the upper district school house. In the year 1834 the original church was built and located in the upper part of the village, opposite the residence of the late Dr. James Lawver. This structure was a plain wooden building 40 x 60 feet without steeple or bell and it served the purpose for which it was built for forty years. In 1874 the present large handsome brick edifice was erected on the corner of Main and Clauverwy streets at a cost of \$25,000. The election of the first trustees was September 24, 1872.



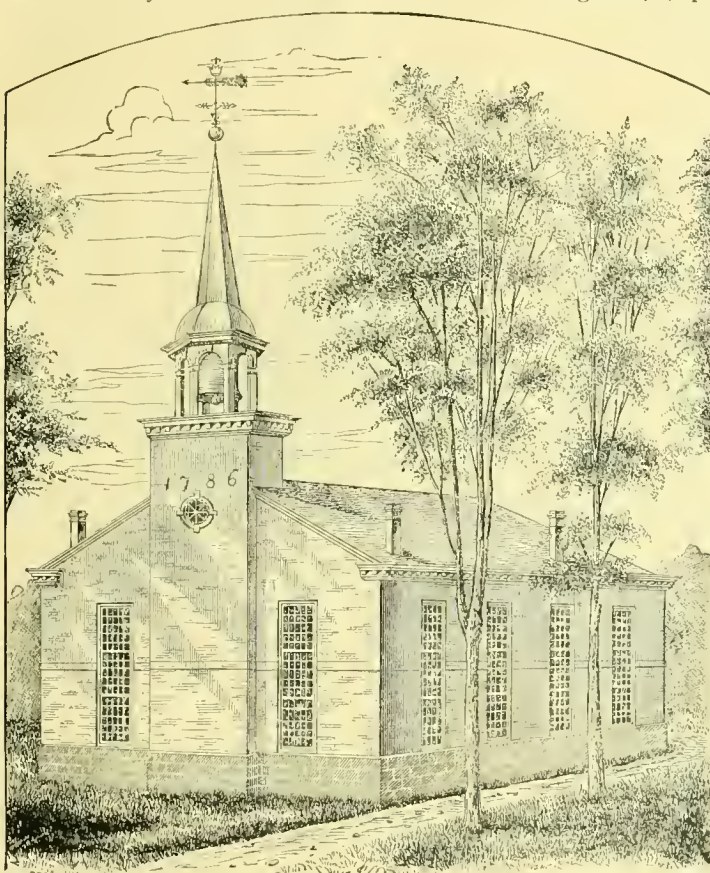
The deed of the first church lot purchased from John W. Bouck is dated January 28, 1833. The record of pastors is: John Haslam and John Dennison, 1832; William Ames, 1833; Jas. R. Goodrich, 1834; Roswell Kelley and Henry Williams, 1835; Roswell Kelley and Henry Burton, 1836; Henry Coleman and Peter W. Smith, 1837-8; Henry Williams, Valentine Brown and Joseph Crounse, 1839; Hiram Chase, 1840-41; David Poor, and Isaac Devoe, 1842; David Poor and Chas. Gilbert, 1843; Amos Osborne, 1844; Manly Withenill, 1845-6; Chas. E. Goldings, 1847-8; John W. Belknap, 1849-50; Chas. Devoe, 1851-2; Bishop Isbell, 1853-4; J. D. Barnham, 1855-6; Secley W. Brown, 1857-8; John Pegg, 1859-60; Wm. Clark, 1861-2; Horace L. Grant, 1863-4; Jeremiah S. Hart, 1865-7; Aaron D. Heast, 1868-9; James B. Wood, 1870-1; John A. Savage, 1872-74; Selvester W. Clemen, 1875; Chas. F. Noble, 1876-7; J. A. Atwell, 1878-8; B. F. Livingston, 1881-3; J. M. Webster, 1884-5; G. C. Morchouse, 1886-9; W. L. Smith, 1891-2.

Rev. C. EDWARD, the present pastor, who assumed charge in 1893, was born in Greenwich, Washington county, N. Y., October 10, 1842. He was educated at Fort Edward institute and joined the Troy conference in 1870. He was ordained in 1878. He has preached at Shushan and W. Arlington Vt. Whitehall, East

Whitehall, West Hebron, Belcher, Sandy Hill and Livingston's church, Troy. The present TRUSTEES: W. H. Albro, G. S. Lynes, G. B. Wheeler. CLASS LEADERS: G. W. Vroman, G. B. Wheeler, Harvey Borst, Smith Requa, E. F. Tibbits, Alonzo Zimmer, Geo. E. Haines, Noah D. West, Andrew Lawyer. STEWARDS: A. B. Engle, W. C. West, C. L. McBain, Joel Barber, J. T. Kelsey, Joseph Becker, J. F. White, R. S. Keyser, E. Bates. SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS: Superintendent, W. A. Requa; assistant superintendent, G. B. Wheeler; secretary, J. C. Miller; treasurer, E. W. Vroman; superintendent primary department, Miss Mabel Pierson.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

was organized January, 1891, and has 150 members. The officers: President, G. B. Wheeler; 1st vice-president, W. A. Requa; 2d vice-president, Mrs. A. Crippen; 3d vice-president, Miss Grace Becker; 4th vice-president, Miss Grace Albro; secretary, Miss Alice M. Requa; treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Snyder.



The Reformed Dutch Church is probably the oldest society worshipping in the oldest building in this part of the state outside of possibly Albany and Schenectady. The building was constructed in 1786, and to day its walls are in a perfect state of preservation, kept freshly painted and in good order. The funds were raised by committees sent through the colonies making collections. The first sermon preached in the edifice was by George W. Schneider on November 18, 1787. The church building stands in a mapleshaded plot, near the river shore. The tower and spire are

at the north end, towards the street. The entrance is at the south end, probably to secure better protection from the winds. The society observed its centennial anniversary August 19, 1886, and at that time the Hon. George L. Danforth delivered a carefully and ably prepared address which has since been printed. It includes probably all known records. From this most interesting sketch we take a few facts. The earliest record of the organization as such which he finds is 1730, though he concludes that 1728 is nearer the exact year. The first record of the meeting house is in 1753. Prior to that time the congregation probably worshipped in private dwellings, or perhaps in the school house or a barn. There was no other church building until the Lutheran church was built in 1824. The first Reformed church was a frame building, which he believes was erected in 1732. Roscoe finds a record of its dedication on December 18, 1737. It was burned with the rest of the village by Johnson and Brant October 17, 1780. The first bell was suspended in 1803. It weighed 704 pounds and was cast by Julius

Hanks in Troy. The present bell, weighing 1174 pounds, cast by Meneceley, of Troy, was suspended in 1875. The first preacher in the settlement was Hendrick Hager, 1713. The succeeding pastors were: Fred Hager, 1720; John Jacob Ehle, 1730; Reinhardt Erickson, 1732; Michael Weiss, 1732-6; Johannes Schuyler, 1736-55; John Mauritius Goetschius, 1757-60; Abram Rosekrantz, 1760-5; Johannes Schuyler, 1766-79; assisted by Rynier Van Nest, who was pastor 1780-5; George W. Schneider, 1785-8; Rev. J. C. Boeffel, 1788-97; Rynier Van Nest, 1797-1804; David Devoe, 1812-15; John T. Schermerhorn, 1816-27; John Garretson, 1827-33; John B. Steele, 1834-38; Joshua Boyd, 1840-2; L. Mes-serreau, 1842-5; Jacob West, 1846-52; I. M. See, 1852-4; E. Vedder, 1855-63; Wm. E. Bogardus, 1863-4; John S. Scott, D. D., 1865-70; Sanford W. Roe, D. D., 1871-6; John D. Gardner, 1876-80; Elbert Nevius Sebring, 1880-5; David Kline Van Doren, 1885-90.

THE REV. CHARLES WADSWORTH PITCHER, a conscientious, faithful and progressive clergyman, a bright pulpit speaker and a social pastor, came to this church January 1, 1881, and is still in discharge of his duties. He has a large congregation who give him the best support. The Rev. Mr. Pitcher commands influence be-

cause he wields an active hand in other organizations. For instance, he is chaplain of the Masonic order and in other respects is alive to the public interests. He was born at Cohoes, March 2, 1840. He was educated at New Brunswick, N. J., and was ordained at Randolph, N. Y., January 26, 1876. His pastorates include Randolph, N. Y., 1876-83; Stanton, N. J., 1883-7; Ringoes, N. J., the widely famed Kirkpatrick Memorial church, 1887-91. THE ELDER—G. L. Danforth, W. E. Bassler, George Zeh, William B. Becker, J. L. Engle. THE DEACONS—C. W. Vroman, William Dunmore, Charles Straub, Frank A. Wells, Joseph Jenks.



THE LOWER FORT, Schoharie, N. Y. and monument to Williams one of Andre's captives

The County Almshouse occupies a slightly spot surrounded by tilled land and orchards on the slope of the hills to the west of the village. The farm produces liberally for the tables of the institution, usually with a surplus of fruit for the market. The buildings have recently been repainted and greatly improved by the addition of blinds and piazzas. The interior was re-arranged for greater comfort and convenience. Pipes were laid from the Bellinger springs on the summit of the mountain, 100 rods from the house, to which the water is conducted with a fall of 292 feet. Hydrants have been placed about the grounds and hot and cold water taps throughout buildings, with modern flush closets and baths. The total expense was \$6,145. No county in the state can boast of a cleaner, more wholesome and better arranged



SCHOHARIE ALMSHOUSE, Middleburgh, N. Y.

almshouse. Erwin Spiekman and wife have been in faithful attendance upon the premises since 1857. They have proven competent and have exercised every economy for the county as they would have done in their own institution. The general supervision of the poor is in good hands. Mr. John Young, the county superintendent. Mr. Spiekman was born in Harpersfield, Delaware county, February 1, 1854. At twenty-nine years of age he married Ada, the daughter of Hial Warner, of Jefferson. They managed a farm until they were called to take charge of the almshouse. There is now in the hands of Supervisor Vroman a resolution to be presented to the board providing for making the superintendent of the poor also the keeper of the almshouse at a salary of \$6000. It is said such action will save the county \$500 a year.

The Red Men, Oacogema Tribe, No. 240, was chartered June 15, 1893, and there are now fifty members. It meets the first and second Thursday in every month. The officers: R. D. Gordon, Sachem, J. W. Ritchie, Past Sachem, Dow Beekman, Prophet, C. L. Haines, Senior Sagamore, D. D. Frisbie, Junior Sagamore, G. L. Fox, Chief of Records, Alonzo Almy, Keeper of Wampum; John Miller, Collector of Wampum; W. T. Riverberg M. D., 1st Sanap, J. P. Segner, 2d Sanap, J. T. Kelsey, Guard of the Wigwam, P. Smith, Guard of the Forest.

A Tribute to a Faithful Officer—With the close of the year Hon. Arthur D. Mead who has served as clerk for Schoharie county two terms, six years, will retire. He has proven highly honorable and faithful in the discharge of his duties. The best men of both parties on Tuesday, November 20, 1894, met in Schoharie and presented Mr. Mead with a diamond scarf pin. He was complimented on all sides and in a very appropriate manner he returned thanks. The festivities closed with a banquet at the Hotel Schoharie.

Edward D Hager, merchant, supervisor and



postmaster from Blenheim was born in Middleburgh in 1847. He is the democratic leader in the town. He served in the state assembly in 1882, on the county committee for more than twenty years and as supervisor for several terms.

Peter H Smith a large property owner was born in Middleburgh, August 28, 1853. He married Alice P. Bagley of Middleburgh, March 20, 1878. She is a faithful and active member of the Methodist church. Mr. Smith is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He started in blacksmithing and wagon making in 1870 and has built up a large business.

M. W. Baker, proprietor of the Baker House was born in the town of Wright, February 24, 1850. He conducted a hotel in that town two years. Eight years ago he took possession of the Baker House. He married Mary C. Shell of Wright in August 1872. Mr. Baker has improved the location of his house very much, and is making the business a success.

Martin A Akeley, postmaster at West Fulton,



Schoharie Co., is serving his second term in that position. He was first appointed February 13, 1885 by President Cleveland. His second appointment was July 22, 1893. He is a practical democrat and a leader in the local party.



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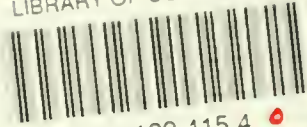
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